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Jack Hoffman tries on a Bloomfield Bees cap during his July visit to the First National Bank of Omaha call center in Bloomfield. Jack and other family members visited the call center to accept a \$1,000 check raised by employees for the Team Jack Foundation battling pediatric brain cancer.

Prayers For A Winner

Inspirational Nebraska Youth Suffers Setback In His Cancer Battle

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ATKINSON, Neb. — For most of his young life, 8-year-old Jack Hoffman has supported his beloved University of Nebraska football team in their gridiron battles.

In turn, the Husker team has shown its love for the young boy as he battles an inoperable brain tumor. Following his 2011 diagnosis, Jack underwent two surgeries within five months and has received a series of other treatments.

For the past several months, Jack and his family — parents Andy and Bri Hoffman and sisters Ava and Reese — have lived with the encouraging news that his pediatric brain cancer was in remission.

But Wednesday, the family received the news they feared — Jack's brain tumor has grown. Andy, a University of South Dakota Law School graduate, shared the news Wednesday in a post on the Caring Bridge website.

"Today we were humbly reminded that when your child has an inoperable brain tumor, that anything can happen at any point in time," he wrote. "Despite Jack's tumor being declared in remission (stable) last October, today we learned that that is no longer the case."

"While we left Boston in April with the knowledge that there was a 'spot of concern,' we nonetheless remained optimistic that it was just nothing."

However, the Hoffmans learned Wednesday during tests in Boston that those initial concerns now represent a new challenge, Andy said in his Caring Bridge post.

"Today we had a full plate of appointments — MRI, neuro-surgeon, neurology and neuro-oncologist," he wrote. "Doctors informed us that Jack's brain tumor has grown since the April MRI. This tumor recurrence is going to require some type of therapy."

The Hoffmans are weighing their options, including surgery, but the treatment will include a second round of chemotherapy, Andy wrote.

Andy expressed the family's thanks for

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Marina Still In Limbo

GFP Can't Find A New Operator For Lewis And Clark Facility

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

FORT PIERRE — The state Division of Parks and Recreation is starting over in its search for a new concessionaire to run the Lewis and Clark Marina and Resort near Yankton.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission on Friday rejected the only two

proposals received so far.

One lacked the required financial information and the other didn't meet the appraised price of \$3,037,000.

The current operator, Russell Marsh, doesn't want to renew the lease he's held since 2005.

GFP concession manager Sean Blanchette said the prospectus will be revised in hope of attracting an acceptable offer.

Blanchette said the two people who made the proposals were given an extension to bring them into order but neither did by the July 7 deadline.

The settlement agreement reached in February between the commission and Marsh allows him to continue to operate for the 2015 season if he chooses.

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Hometown Champion



Hailey Johnson, an 11-year-old from Yankton, holds the American flag on the awards podium Friday night following the International Field Archery Association (IFAA) World Field Championship. Johnson won the Cub Female Freestyle Unlimited title. Archers from 17 different countries competed over five days in Yankton. For results, see page 7.

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Sparks Of Creativity

Camp Invention At MMC Challenges Young Minds With Science

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It might have looked like a bunch of tables filled with pieces of cardboard, but to the young inventors at Camp Invention, on the Mount Marty College campus, those pieces of cardboard were the prototypes for their creations.

Camp Invention, a national day camp put on by the National Inventors Hall of Fame and the United States Patent and Trademark Office for students in grades 1-6, was offered in Yankton for the first time this year.

"I was searching for an opportunity for my son, and I realized there aren't a lot of science or gifted and talented options in Yankton," said Tamara Pease, director of Camp Invention at Mount Marty. "I found Camp Invention and saw the closest site was in Brandon. So I called and said I'd like to offer it in Yankton next year, and they asked if I could start it this year."

With just three months to prepare and market the camp, Pease said she was excited for the 43 kids who participated.

"These kids inherently have so much creativity, but they usually do an art project and are told exactly what it has to look like," Pease said. "So we have them do crit-



Rylee Nordyke, 8, and Holly Nesmith, 7, both of Vermillion, display Nordyke's robot she invented at Camp Invention, held at Mount Marty College this week.

KELLY HERTZ/P&D

ical thinking, problem solving and group work to come up with their inventions. They're so enthused about science. Their eyes just light up when they're learning."

The national program provides the curriculum for the camp, which this year included four modules - pin-ball machines inspired by insects, cars of the future, bionic body parts and machines to do chores.

Ten-year-old Madsyn Bietz, of Yankton, said her

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Strikes In Iraq Begin

US Hits Militants As Humanitarian Crisis Worsens

BY DIAA HADID
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Associated Press

IRBIL, Iraq — The U.S. unleashed its first airstrikes in northern Iraq against militants of the Islamic State group Friday amid a worsening humanitarian crisis. The extremists took captive hundreds of women from a religious minority, according to an Iraqi official, while thousands of other civilians fled in fear.

Many of America's allies backed the U.S. intervention, pledging urgent steps to assist the legions of refugees and displaced people. Those in jeopardy included thousands of members of the Yazidi religious minority whose plight — trapped on a mountaintop by the militants — prompted the U.S. to airdrop crates of food and water to them.

The extremists' "campaign of terror against the innocent, including the Yazidi and Christian minorities, and its grotesque and targeted acts of violence bear all the warning signs and hallmarks of genocide," said U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. "For anyone who needed a wake-up call, this is it."

Underscoring the sense of alarm, a spokesman for Iraq's human rights ministry said hundreds of Yazidi women had been seized by the militants. Kamil Amin, citing reports from the victims' families, said some of the women were being held in schools in Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul.

"We think that the terrorists by now consider them slaves and they have vicious plans for them," Amin told The Associated Press. "We think that these women are going to be used in demeaning ways by those terrorists to satisfy their animalistic urges in a way that contradicts all the human and Islamic values."

For the U.S. military, which withdrew its forces from Iraq in late 2011 after more than eight years of war, the re-engagement began when two F/A-18 jets dropped 500-pound bombs on a piece of artillery and the truck

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